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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Forthcoming Book: The Young Stalin
by Edward Ellis Smith

1. This memorandum is for information only and is in response to your request for an evaluation of a forthcoming book entitled The Young Stalin by Edward Ellis Smith (New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1967).

2. Galley proofs of The Young Stalin have been reviewed by [redacted] of the DDI/Special Research Staff; his review is attached. On balance, [redacted] finds this book to contain a very substantial research effort. Unfortunately, it appears that Mr. Smith's conclusions are frequently awkward and are not always borne out by the facts he presents. A great part of the book is devoted to the role of Stalin as a probable Okhrana agent. Much of the research for The Young Stalin was done in Okhrana files recently opened to scholars at the Hoover Library at Stanford University as well as other Russian materials in its collections.

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Attachment
Review

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